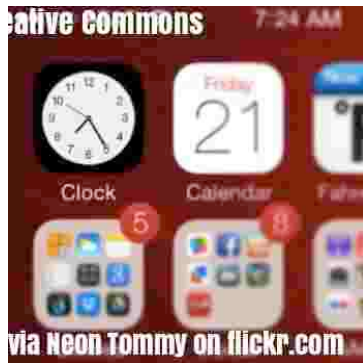## Apple-FBI iPhone argument getting bigger

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There is a big argument in the USA between the technology company Apple and the FBI. The argument is over the iPhone of a killer. In December 2015, 14 people were killed and 22 were seriously injured in a terrorist attack in San Bernardino. The FBI has the iPhone of one of the terrorrists Syed Rizwan Farook. Investigators want Apple to unlock the phone so they can get to information about Farook. They think the information can help them to catch more terrorists. Apple has told the FBI that they will not open the iPhone. Apple's website said that would threaten the security of its customers. Apple also said it would be dangerous because other organisations would want phones opened.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is also very angry that Apple will not open the iPhone. It said Apple, "deliberately raised technological barriers" to stop a lawful request from the FBI to help in the "terrorist mass murder of 14 Americans". The DOJ added that: "Apple alone can remove those barriers so that the FBI can search the phone." Apple bosses said the DOJ was giving Apple a bad name. They said the DOJ wanted the public to think that Apple was an evil company for not opening the iPhone. It said: "It seems like disagreeing with the Department of Justice means you must be evil and anti-American." The DOJ said it wants just one iPhone unlocked and that would not invade anyone's privacy.

Sources: *TheVerge.com / cnbc.com / TheGuardian.com*

Writing

Apple should unlock the terrorist's iPhone for Apple. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

argument / Apple / FBI / technology / terrorist attack / iPhone / security / customers / justice / technological / barriers / a bad name / company / evil / anti-American

True / False

a) The iPhone belonged to someone who killed people last month. T / F

b) The FBI hopes the unlocked iPhone will help find more terrorists. T / F

c) Apple is refusing to unlock the iPhone for the FBI. T / F

d) Apple said unlocking the iPhone would be a threat to its customers. T / F

e) America's Department of Justice (DOJ) is on Apple's side. T / F

f) The DOJ said Apple was putting up technological barriers. T / F

g) The DOJ said Apple was an evil company. T / F

h) The DOJ wants another three iPhones opened. T / F

Synonym Match

1.	argument	a.	annoyed
2	killed	b.	badly
3.	seriously	c.	risky
4.	threaten	d.	only
5.	dangerous	e.	fight
6.	angry	f.	wicked
7.	deliberately	g.	take away
8.	remove	h.	murdered
9.	evil	i.	on purpose
10.	just	j.	endanger

Discussion – Student A

a) Should Barack Obama decide this argument?

b) Why doesn't the FBI use its engineers to open the phone?

c) How do you think the families of those murdered feel about Apple?

d) Is Apple being anti-American by not unlocking the phone?

e) What is Apple's problem in opening just one iPhone?

f) Should Apple open the phone as part of the war on terror?

g) Do you worry about your privacy?

h) What questions would you like to ask Apple's boss?

Phrase Match

1.   a big
2   seriously injured in
3.   the information can help them to catch
4.   threaten the security
5.   other organisations would want
6.   a lawful request
7.   Apple alone can remove those
8.   the DOJ was giving Apple a
9.   you must be evil and anti-
10. that would not invade anyone's

a.   more terrorists
b.   bad name
c.   from the FBI
d.   phones opened
e.   American
f.   privacy
g.   of its customers
h.   barriers
i.   a terrorist attack
j.   argument

Discussion – Student B

a)   What do you think about what you read?

b)   What do you know about this story?

c)   Why doesn't Apple want to unlock the phone?

d)   Should Apple unlock the phone?

e)   How difficult do you think it is to unlock the phone?

f)   What secrets might the iPhone have?

g)   Why would the security of iPhone owners be in danger if Apple unlocked the phone?

h)   What advice do you have for Apple's boss?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. h	3. b	4. j	5. c
6. a	7. i	8. g	9. f	10. d

Role Play

Role A – Google
You think Google is the best technology company. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their companies. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, Apple or Microsoft.

Role B – Facebook
You think Facebook is the best technology company. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their companies. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Google, Apple or Microsoft.

Role C – Apple
You think Apple is the best technology company. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their companies. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, Google or Microsoft.

Role D – Microsoft
You think Microsoft is the best technology company. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their companies. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Facebook, Apple or Google.

Speaking – Tech companies

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Google
- Facebook
- Sony
- Nokia
- Apple
- Microsoft
- Instagram
- IBM

Answers – True False

a F	b T	c T	d T	e F	f T	g F	h F

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.